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Jamie Fosburgh, NPS, Manager, Northeast Region Rivers Program
Lucy Wallace, Chair, NRWSR Study Committee
Nashua River Wild and Scenic River Study Committee
c/o Nashua River Watershed Association
592 Main Street
Groton, MA 01450

Dear Mr. Fosburgh and Ms. Wallace:

I am writing to express The Trust for Public Land's support for the Nashua, Squannacook and Nissitissit Rivers Wild and Scenic River designation. We have been actively involved in the protection of important lands in the Nashua River Watershed for many years. We were partners with the NRWA in 2004 to 2007 on a large three-year US EPA Targeted Watershed Initiative collaborative grant project entitled: "Protecting Today's Water for Tomorrow", which proactively combatted threats to drinking water in the Squannacook and Nissitissit Rivers sub-basins. This project covered six of the eleven towns currently participating in this Wild and Scenic River undertaking. The Trust for Public Land was also hugely involved in several other major land protection projects in this same area: Belmont Springs (a key tributary to the Nissitissit River) in Pepperell, MA and Surrenden Farm (along the Nashua River) in Groton, MA; both these properties host riparian trails and other natural features.

The Trust for Public Land recognizes the myriad resources that warrant protection in this tri-river region, be they ecological, historic and cultural, or recreational and scenic. The Trust for Public Land therefore supports the Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit Rivers Wild and Scenic River designation. We know that the people of the region -residents and visitors alike - have so much to gain from this designation and we will urge Congress to pass the legislation that will move this designation over the goal line.

Sincerely,



Kevin Essington
Southern New England Area Director